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# Local authors Jon Hovde and Mark Huglen will discuss their Vietnam experiences and the books they wrote

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Local authors Jon Hovde and Mark Huglen will discuss their experiences in Vietnam and the books they have written at the University of Minnesota Crookston Bookstore located in the Student Center on the UMC campus at 2900 University Avenue on Monday, November 7 at 1:00 p.m.

Hovde, a motivational speaker and author of *Left for Dead: A Second Life After Vietnam*, recounts his remarkable recovery from his combat injuries and his struggles to reclaim his life as he eventually found the inspiration to live. Hovde recognizes the efforts of those who helped along the way including the courageous medic who rescued him, a carrying army nurse, and army chaplains.

Mark Huglen, Ph.D., UMC instructor and author of *Poetic Healing: A Vietnam Veteran's Journey From a Communication Perspective* tells the story of the word's power to transform pain, loss and even desperation into words that can uplift and inspire. Huglen analyzes the plays and poetry written by Basil Clark and offers insight into the five phases of poetic healing showing how Clark achieved healing not just with his words, but through them.

Hovde and Huglen will sign copies of their books following the discussion. The event is free and open to the public.

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